

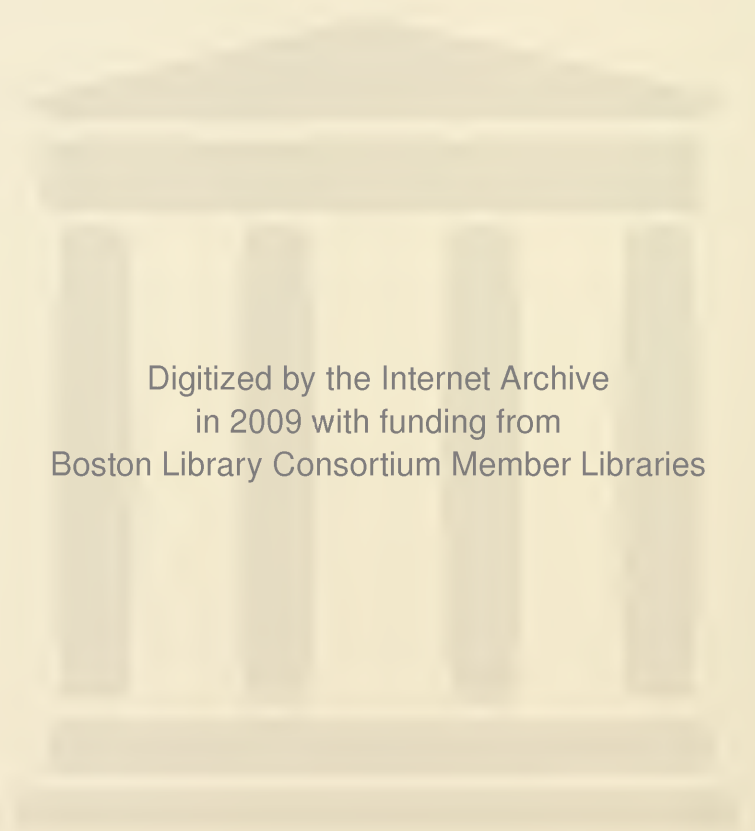
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TOWN OF DORCHESTER

ANNUAL REPORT 2000

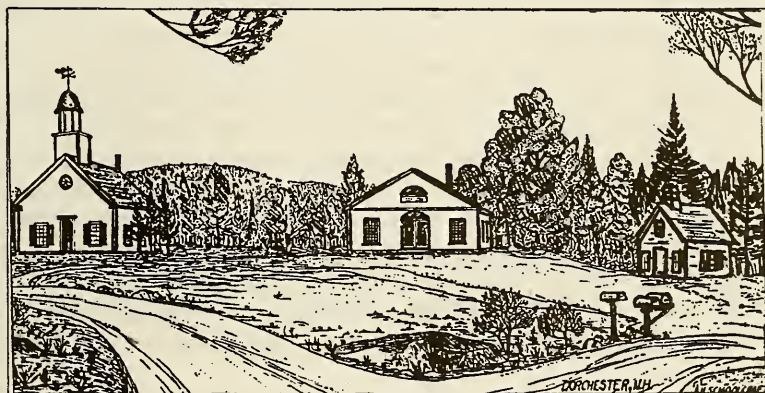




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**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE TOWN OF
DORCHESTER, N.H.**



**Year Ended
December 31, 2000**

Notes from the Selectmen

While you went about your busy lives, your Selectmen focused on a number of issues effecting every resident and taxpayer in Dorchester. Some were deeply rooted in time, requiring long term solutions, while others appeared very suddenly, requiring swift consideration and response. Below is a brief summary of some of these issues:

- * One of the more significant is, the rapid deterioration of our town highways due to an imbalance between heavy use and issues regarding regular maintenance. The primary concern was, and still is, to make those responsible for damage and abnormal wear pay for those repairs, as allowed under N.H. Law. Working with the Town Attorney, Road Agent and road construction and maintenance professionals, Selectmen are monitoring road uses, documenting, planning and taking a proactive stance on highway issues. Road Coordinating Selectman, John Cote, and Highway personnel have attended seminars on pertinent topics. They have also maintained close communication with landowners, loggers, truckers, and other users of local roads.**
- * Highway equipment has been assessed as to its suitability for our current requirements. There are changes under consideration.**
- * Dorchester has become a member of the New Hampshire Mutual Aid for Public Works, giving us a resource basis, otherwise not available, during emergency situations.**
- * The ongoing two year trial of a full time highway assistant continues. Grounds keeping and selected custodial duties of Town buildings have been delegated to highway personnel.**

- * As the Federal, State and local needs for Road Signs and markings change, the Selectmen have reviewed and supported Improvements to the Town's sign inventory. Although there are details requiring further refinement, in most cases, emergency response times have been improved due to the new E-911 street signs and number assignments as well as corresponding map data.**
- * With the assistance of Town Forester, Brenda Brown, the Selectmen have been better able to monitor large, on-going, timber harvesting operations, occurring within the Town. The Selectmen expect benefits to be realized through improved timber yield tax receipts and increased enforcement of timber harvest/environmental laws.**
- * With the completion of the handicapped entrance at the Town Office, the Selectmen are now directing their efforts toward making the Town Hall handicapped compliant.**
- * The Selectmen, in a cooperative effort, with town citizens, Selectmen from Groton, as well as State Representative, John Alger; addressed and moved to turn back a State of NH proposal to create an All Terrain Vehicle Park within the Province Road State Forest which is situated in the Towns of Groton and Dorchester.**

We invite the citizens of Dorchester to attend the bi-weekly meetings of the Selectmen. Your concerns and input are important to us.

**Robert R. Estabrook
Andrew Houghton
John A. Cote
Dorchester Board of Selectmen**



DORCHESTER TOWN OFFICERS - 2000

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Robert R. Estabrook 2001 (C) Andrew Houghton 2002
John A. Cote 2003

MODERATOR

Henry L. Melanson 2002

TOWN TREASURER

E. James Scott 2001
Samantha Scott, Deputy

TOWN CLERK

Debra Ray (to 8/00)
Brenda Howe (9/00-3/01)

TAX COLLECTOR

Delbert G. Pratt 2001
Marilyn Pratt, Deputy

ROAD AGENT

George C. Conkey, II 2001

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

Daniel Conkey

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Jay Legg

WELFARE DIRECTOR

Alice E. Melanson

TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

Darlene Oaks 2001 Brian Howe 2002 Brenda Howe 2003

AUDITORS

Martha L. Walker 2001 Cindy Azotea 2001

SUPERVISORS OF CHECKLIST

Marilyn Pratt 2004 Christine Morgan 2005 Darlene Oaks 2006

PLANNING BOARD

David Morrill (C) Linda Landry Walter H. Morgan
E. James Scott John A. Cote, Slc. Rep.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Vacant

CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Christine Morgan 2001 Robert Brown 2002 Louis A. Delsart 2003

**REPRESENTATIVE TO PEMI-BAKER
SOLID WASTE DISTRICT**

Andrew Houghton

**REPRESENTATIVES TO
UVLS REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Robert R. Estabrook

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Robert Pon (C)
Darlene Oaks

Christine Morgan
Linda M. Landry

Patricia Franz
Martha Walker

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

E. James Scott (to 1/01) - Vacant

REPRESENTATIVES TO MASCOMA HEALTH COUNCIL

Vacant

MEETING TIMES

Board of Selectmen: Every other Thursday, 6:30 p.m.
Phone: 786-9476

Town Clerk: Wednesday, 9 a.m.-12 noon, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Fourth Sat. 9 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Selectmen's Office. Phone 786-9476

Tax Collector: No set time/hours. Town House Road
Phone: 523-7374 (Home)

Planning Board: 2nd Wednesday of each month, 7:00 p.m.
Selectmen's Office Phone 786-9476

Board of Adjustment: As required. Selectmen's Office

Transfer Station: Wednesday 12:00 noon - 6:00 p.m (until 9/8)
Wednesday 12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m (after 9/8)
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Notary Public: Select. Meetings and upon request (523-7119)
Free of charge to Dorchester Residents

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

In any emergency, please call 911

FIRE: Canaan 911 - 448-1212
Rumney 911 - 524-1545
Lyme 911 - 643-3610

F.A.S.T. Squad Canaan 911 - 448-1212

POLICE: State Police 1-800-562-8236
State Police (F-Troop) 1-271-1170

Grafton County Sheriff's Dept. 1-800-552-0393

TOWN WARRANT

The State of New Hampshire

To the inhabitants of the Town of Dorchester in the County of Grafton in said state, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Dorchester on Tuesday, the 13th day of March 2001, polls to be open for voting on Article 1 at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and to close not earlier than 7 o'clock in the afternoon, with action on the remaining articles to be taken commencing at 10 o'clock in the forenoon on Saturday, March 17, 2001.

1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.
2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

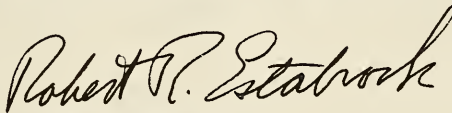
Town Building Fund	\$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	\$10,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	\$3,000.00

Recommended by Selectmen

3. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Town Buildings Capital Reserve Fund, established at the 1953 Town Meeting. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with an expenditure.
4. To see if the Town will vote to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund, established at the 1947 Town Meeting and amended at the 1966 Town Meeting. A public hearing must be held by the Selectmen before proceeding with any expenditure.
5. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of Road Agent from a one (1) year to a three (3) year term. Change to take effect with the March 2002 election. (by paper ballot)

6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) for the purpose of repairs and construction of a Handicapped access at the Dorchester Town Hall. This appropriation will be non lapsing until December 31, 2002
Recommended by Selectmen
7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$7,200.00) for the development and publishing of computerized tax maps. This appropriation will be non lapsing until December 31, 2004.
Recommended by Selectmen
8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty-six thousand seven hundred eighty-one dollars and seventy-one cents (\$186,781.71), to defray Town charges. (This excludes the amounts raised in Articles 2,6, & 7)
9. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

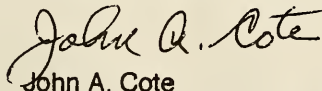
Given under our hands this 22nd day of February 2001.



Robert R. Estabrook



Andrew Houghton



John A. Cote

Selectmen, Town of Dorchester

DORCHESTER TOWN BUDGET

1	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	'00 APPRO.	'00 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2001 RECOMMENDED
2	Officers' Salaries	\$10,500.00	\$12,164.02	\$1,664.02		\$12,000.00
3	Officers' Expenses	\$16,000.00	\$20,503.98	\$4,503.98		\$18,000.00
4	Election & Registration	\$1,600.00	\$2,096.58	\$496.58		\$900.00
5	General Govt. Buildings	\$3,500.00	\$3,341.43		\$158.57	\$3,500.00
6	Planning & Development	\$400.00	\$40.00		\$360.00	\$400.00
7	Property Appraisal	\$750.00	\$859.18	\$109.18		\$1,000.00
8	Legal Expenses	\$7,000.00	\$2,091.54		\$4,908.46	\$5,000.00
9	Regional Associations	\$1,500.00	\$946.00		\$554.00	\$1,000.00
10	Town Reports & Mailing	\$1,200.00	\$861.20		\$338.80	\$1,200.00
11	Timber Survey Fund	\$800.00	\$1,620.00	\$820.00		\$1,200.00
12	Cemeteries	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	-----	-----	\$1,400.00
13	Contingency Fund	\$1.00	\$1,120.52	\$1,119.52		\$1,000.00
15	PUBLIC SAFETY					
16	Forest Fire Protection	\$1,000.00	\$1,155.10	\$155.10		\$1,000.00
17	Fire Department Contracts	\$17,000.00	\$14,416.43		\$2,583.57	\$16,000.00
18	Police Department	\$100.00	\$0.00		\$100.00	\$100.00
19	Animal Control	\$750.00	\$410.40		\$339.60	\$600.00
20	911 & Emergency Mgt.	\$500.00	\$807.07	\$307.07		\$500.00
22	Highways, Streets, Bridges					
23	Town Maintenance	\$60,000.00	\$60,220.56	\$220.56		\$75,000.00
24	Highway Block Grant	\$27,047.44	\$27,047.44	estimated Block Grant Aid for 2001 -	\$28,341.40	
25	Donations - Reimbursements	\$2,761.55	\$2,761.55			
26	Warrant Article #6 - N. Dorchester	\$10,000.00	\$9,955.00		\$45.00	
27	Warrant Article #9 - Steam Cleaner	\$4,900.00	\$4,889.99		\$10.01	

28		'00 APPRO.	'00 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2001 RECOMMENDED
29	SANITATION					
30	Solid Waste Disposal	\$16,438.48	\$16,558.48	\$120.00		\$22,000.00
31	PBSW & NHRRA /Dues	\$695.87	\$695.87	-----		\$385.28
33	HEALTH					
34	Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-----		\$3,500.00
35	VN & NH Visiting Nurses	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00	-----		\$1,350.00
36	Plymouth Task Force	\$320.00	\$320.00	-----		\$330.00
37	Sr. Citizens Council	\$550.00	\$550.00	-----		\$570.00
38	Plymouth Reg. Clinic	\$300.00	\$300.00	-----		\$300.00
40	WELFARE					
41	General Assistance	\$5,000.00	\$2,337.58		\$2,662.42	\$5,000.00
42	(Includes CAP, Youth & Family Services, Welfare Directors Salary and Expenses)					
44	DEBT SERVICE					
45	Interest TA Loan	\$1,500.00	\$3,498.30	\$1,998.30		\$2,000.00
47	MISCELLANEOUS					
48	Insurance	\$9,500.00	\$7,208.00		\$2,292.00	\$9,500.00
49	NH Unemployment Comp.	\$126.11	\$149.57	\$23.46		\$46.43
50	Tax Refunds	\$2,000.00	\$1,922.49		\$77.51	\$2,000.00
51	TOTALS	\$223,363.25	\$203,336.73	TOTAL-----		\$186,781.71
52						

53		'00 APPRO.	'00 EXPENDITURES	OVERSPENT	UNDERSPENT	2001 RECOMMENDED
54						
55	SPECIAL APPRO.					
56	To Capital Reserves:					
57	Town Buildings	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-----		\$2,500.00
58	Highway Equipment	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	-----		\$10,000.00
59	Bridges	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	-----		\$2,500.00
60	Property Revaluation	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	-----		\$3,000.00
61					TOTAL	\$18,000.00
63	Article #6 N.Dorchester Rd.	\$10,000.00	\$9,955.00		\$45.00	
64	Article #9 Steam Cleaner	\$4,900.00	\$4,889.99		\$10.01	
65	Article #9 (1998) Office Ren.)	\$5,000.00	\$4,762.09		\$237.91	
66						
67	GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPRO.	\$223,363.25	\$203,336.73			\$186,781.71
68	SPECIAL APPRO.	\$18,000.00	\$18,000.00			\$18,000.00
69	TOTAL APPRO.	\$241,363.25	\$221,336.73			\$204,781.71
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SOURCES OF REVENUES

SOURCE	'00 ESTIMATE	'00 ACTUAL	2001 ESTIMATE
TAXES			
Yield Taxes	\$23,000.00	\$32,360.71	\$23,000.00
Interest & Penalties	\$1,000.00	\$3,548.05	\$1,000.00
STATE OF NH			
Revenue Sharing	\$10,000.00	\$11,800.00	\$10,000.00
Rooms & Meals Tax	\$6,000.00	\$8,928.60	\$6,000.00
Highway Block Grant	\$27,047.44	\$27,047.44	\$28,341.40
State Forest Land	\$600.00	\$690.35	\$600.00
LICENSES & FEES			
Motor Vehicles	\$28,000.00	\$32,009.50	\$28,000.00
Dog Licenses	\$600.00	\$444.70	\$500.00
Permits & Filing Fees	\$100.00	\$224.00	\$100.00
UCC Fees	\$200.00	\$229.00	\$200.00
MISCELLANEOUS			
Planning Board	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance Div/Refunds	\$150.00	\$148.46	\$150.00
Sale of Town Property	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Restitution (Carter)	\$0.00	\$384.64	\$0.00
Taxes Bought by Town		\$12,011.35	
F.E.M.A. Payments		\$24,772.00	
Interest on Deposits	\$500.00	\$1,245.07	\$500.00
Forest Fire Training Reimb.		\$94.82	
Culvert Reimb.		\$343.01	
Damage Province Rd.		\$855.00	
Donation (Cook)		\$1,000.00	
Pistol Per./ copies		\$71.00	
MVRSD (Superv. Reimb.)		\$60.00	
TOTAL	\$98,397.44	\$158,267.70	\$98,491.40

SUMMARY OF VALUATIONS

Net Land Values, 27,135.35 acres.....	\$7,776,397.00
Less Tax Exempt Land.....	\$601,707.00
Net Taxable Land Value.....	\$7,776,397.00
C.U. Valuation, 25,336.70.....	\$1,266,027.00
Land (All Other), 1,798.65 acres.....	\$6,510,370.00
 Buildings (All).....	 \$9,708,494.00
Less Tax Exempt Buildings.....	\$401,900.00
Net Taxable Buildings Valuation.....	\$9,306,594.00
 Public Utilities, NH Electric Co-op.....	 \$632,378.00
 Total Evaluation Before Exemption.....	 \$18,117,269.00
Elderly Exemptions.....	\$36,000.00
Valuation on which tax rate is computed.....	\$18,081,269.00

TAXES ASSESSED AND TAX RATE

Net Assessed Valuation.....	\$18,081,269.00
Town Property Taxes Assessed.....	\$395,476.00
Less War Service Credit.....	\$4,350.00
Net Property Tax Commitment.....	\$391,126.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.....	\$ 22.09
Municipal....\$2.34	County...\$1.64
	Local School.....\$11.26
	State Education..... \$6.85

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town House, Land & Buildings.....	\$94,000.00
Contents.....	\$1,350.00
Selectmen's Office, Land & Buildings.....	\$30,900.00
Contents.....	\$5,000.00
Police Department Equipment.....	\$100.00
Highway Department, Equipment & Materials.....	\$176,400.00
Historical Museum.....	\$12,400.00
Other Town Land.....	\$37,029.00
Forest Fire Equipment.....	\$2,000.00
TOTAL.....	\$359,179.00

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 2000

ASSETS:

Cash on Hand.....	\$41,967.11
Funds in custody of Treasurer.....	\$41,967.50
Unredeemed Taxes.....	\$82,302.85
Uncollected Taxes.....	\$141,712.06
Property Taxes.....	\$137,427.62
Yield Taxes.....	\$2,524.44
Land Use Change.....	\$1,760.00
Total Assets.....	\$265,982.02

LIABILITIES:

Accounts owed by the Town:

 School Taxes Payable, January - June 2001.....\$161,700.00

Total Liabilities..... \$161,700.00

(This amount is an estimate as figures have yet to be received from the School District)

FUND BALANCE (Excess of Assets over Liabilities). **\$104,282.03**

RECONCILIATION:

Fund Balance, December 31, 1999.....\$71,829.48

Fund Balance December 31, 2000.....\$104,282.03

Change In Financial Condition...+\$32,452.55

December 31, 2000

RECEIVED FROM:

TOTAL AVAILABLE.....	\$687,476.11
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CASH ON HAND, DECEMBER 31, 2000.....\$41,967.50

TOTAL.....\$41,967.50

Balance on Hand December 31, 2000 (Mascoma MMGT).....	\$237.91
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Balance on Hand December 31, 2000 (Mascoma MMGT).....	\$ 25,123.20
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Balance on hand, December 31, 2000.....	\$0.
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TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT
For the Municipality of Dorchester, N.H.
Year Ending 12-31-00

Uncollected Taxes- Beginning Year: 2000	Prior
Property Taxes.....	\$81,566.78
Land Use Change.....	\$1,760.00
Yield Taxes.....	\$9,826.27

Taxes Committed This Year:	
Property Taxes.....	\$391,185.46
Yield Taxes.....	\$25,490.45
Interest on Delinquent Taxes.....	\$0.00
Overpayment Property Taxes.....	\$0.00

TOTAL DEBITS.....\$416,675.91.....\$93,153.05

Remitted to treasurer during FY:

Property Taxes.....	\$249,973.08	\$63,985.39
Yield Taxes.....	\$23,845.84	\$8,514.87
Interest.....	\$368.42	\$2,403.63
Abatements made.....	\$2,369.27	\$6,268.24

Uncollected Taxes, end of year:

Property Taxes.....	\$137,427.62	\$0.00
Land Use Change.....	\$0.00	\$1,760.00
Yield Taxes.....	\$1,644.61	\$879.83

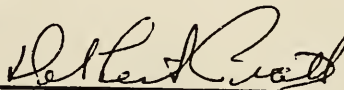
TOTAL CREDITS.....\$415,628.84.....\$93,025.93

Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Year.....	\$75,750.06
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year.....	\$10,197.97
Int. & Costs Collected after Lien Execution.....	\$8,929.57
TOTAL DEBITS.....	\$94,877.60

Remittance to Treasurer:

Redemptions.....	\$27,425.08
Interest & Costs After Lien Execution.....	\$8,929.57
Unredeemed Liens Balance, End of Year.....	\$58,559.69

TOTAL CREDITS.....\$94,914.34



Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

December 31, 2000

Cash on Hand 1/1/00.....\$100.00

Car Registrations - 460.....\$32,009.50

Title Fees + Copies.....\$224.00

Dog Licenses - 73.....\$444.70

UCC Filings\$229.00

Misc. (Maps, Permits, Copies, Filing Fees).....\$218.63

M.A.F.....\$1,030.00

Total Remitted to Treasurer.....\$34,155.83

Cash on Hand, December 31, 2000.....\$100.00

AUDITORS' REPORT

We, the undersigned, have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Cemetery Trustees and the Trustees of Trust Funds, and find them correctly and properly vouched.

February 3, 2001

Auditors:

Reatha White

Cindy Azotea

DETAILED SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

Property Taxes:

Current Year.....	\$249,973.08
Interest.....	\$368.42
Prior Years.....	\$63,985.39
Interest.....	\$2,403.63

Redeemed Taxes:

Lien Amount.....	\$27,425.08
Costs and Interest.....	\$8,929.57

Yield Taxes:

Current Year.....	\$23,845.84
Prior Years.....	\$8,514.87

State of NH:

Revenue Sharing.....	\$11,800.00
Rooms & Meals Tax.....	\$8,928.60
Highway Block Grant.....	\$27,047.44
State Forest Land.....	\$690.35

Motor Vehicles Fees.....	\$33,009.50
Dog Licenses & Penalties.....	\$444.70
Title Fees & Copies.....	\$224.00
U.C.C. Filings.....	\$229.00
Municipal Agent's Fee.....	\$1,030.00
Fees/Penalties.....	\$218.63
NHMA Insurance Trust Dividend.....	\$92.46
Restitution (Carter).....	\$384.64
Culvert Reimbursement (Pratt, O'Connell).....	\$343.01
Reimbursement for damage to Province Road.....	\$855.00
Taxes Bought by Town.....	\$12,011.35
Forest Fire Training Reimbursement.....	\$94.82
Donation - Bridge on Province Road.....	\$1,000.00
Reimbursement Supervisors of the Checklist (MVRSD).....	\$60.00
Compensation Funds of N.H.....	\$56.00
Pistol Permits/Copies.....	\$71.00
F.E.M.A Final Close Out Reimbursement 1996 Flood.....	\$24,772.00
Interest on Deposits	\$1,245.07

Total Receipts for 2000.....	\$622,682.66
Cash on hand January 1, 2000.....	\$64,793.45
Cash Available for 2000.....	\$687,476.11
Balance on hand, December 31, 2000.....	\$41,967.50

DETAILED REPORT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES.....\$12,164.02

David A. Morrill, Selectman (Chairman 1/00 - 3/00).....	\$353.24
Robert E. Estabrook, Selectman (Chairman).....	\$1,385.24
Andrew Houghton, Selectman.....	\$1,385.24
John A. Cote, Selectman (4/00-12/00).....	\$1,038.93
Walter H. Morgan, Treasurer (1/00-3/00).....	\$230.87
Christine M. Morgan, Dep. Treasurer (1/00-3/00).....	\$13.85
E. James Scott, Treasurer (4/00-12/00).....	\$692.62
Samantha L. Scott, Dep. Treasurer (4/00-12/00).....	\$41.55
Delbert Pratt, Tax Collector.....	\$1,385.24
Marilyn Pratt, Dep. Tax Collector.....	\$55.40
Debra Ray, Town Clerk (1/00-8/10/00 Salary + Fees).....	\$1,821.79
Debra Boisvert, Dep. Town Clerk.....	\$27.70
Brenda Howe, Town Clerk (8/24/00-12/00 Salary + Fees).....	\$1,139.25
Jennifer Grace, Dep. Town Clerk.....	\$27.70
Darlene Oaks, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$46.17
Brenda Howe, Trustee of Trust Funds.....	\$46.17
Brian Howe, Trustee of Trust Fund.....	\$46.17
Martha L. Walker, Auditor.....	\$69.26
Cindy Azotea, Auditor.....	\$69.26
F.I.C.A.....	\$2,288.37

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES.....\$20,503.98

Linda Landry, Sec/Bkkpr.....	\$11,215.89
F.I.C.A.....	\$1,986.72
Deputy Town Clerk Training.....	\$36.94
Legal Books & Publications.....	\$732.58
Mileage.....	\$793.26
Postage.....	\$626.59
Printing/Copier Service.....	\$288.73
Real Estate Transfers (Deeds).....	\$282.32
Supplies.....	\$1,278.80
Tax Bills.....	\$1,990.75
Telephone/FAX.....	\$921.40
Workshops/Seminars.....	\$350.00

REGISTRATION & ELECTION.....\$2,096.58

Brenda Howe, Ballot Clerk.....	\$110.25
Alice Melanson, Ballot Clerk.....	\$212.63
Henry Melanson, Moderator.....	\$210.91
Christine M. Morgan, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$253.63
John Morrissey, Ballot Clerk.....	\$101.06
Darlene Oaks, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$268.17
Marilyn Pratt, Supervisor of Checklist.....	\$260.90
F.I.C.A.....	\$167.83
Legal Notices.....	\$362.00
Supplies/Mileage/Postage.....	\$149.20

TOWN REPORTS OF 1999.....	\$861.20
Estabrook Printing.....	\$748.33
Postage.....	\$91.63
Addressing and Mailing.....	\$21.24

LAND USE BOARDS.....	\$40.00
Legal Publications.....	\$40.00

TOWN BUILDINGS.....	\$3,341.43
A.M. Rands.....	\$19.99
Ashland Lumber	\$38.25
Bell Atlantic (Town Hall).....	\$219.57
Dorchester Grange (Indemnification).....	\$70.00
Dyer's Welding (Town Hall - Gates).....	\$503.00
Enfield Granite Company (Town Hall).....	\$407.00
Johnson & Dix Gas (Town Hall).....	\$222.00
Timothy Morrill (Grounds Maintenance).....	\$13.85
N.H. Electric Co-op.....	\$263.11
Person's Concrete, LLC.....	\$130.00
Verizon (Town Hall).....	\$151.73
Yeaton Agway.....	\$12.50
Yeaton Oil Co. (Town Office).....	\$1,290.43

PROPERTY APPRAISAL.....	\$859.18
James Commerford.....	\$630.00
David A. Morrill.....	\$210.82
F.I.C.A.....	\$18.36

FORESTER'S SERVICES.....	\$1,620.00
Brenda Brown, Registered Forester.....	\$1,620.00

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire Protection.....	\$14,416.43
Town of Rumney Fire Dept.....	\$5,297.43
Rumney Fire Association.....	\$240.00
Town of Canaan Fire Dept.....	\$8,879.00

Forest Fire Dept.....	\$1,155.10
John Jay Legg, Warden (Grant).....	\$950.96
John Jay Legg, Warden (Fire Training).....	\$39.64
George C. Conkey, Deputy (Fire Training).....	\$33.87
Joshua Trought, Deputy (Fire Training).....	\$33.87
John Reitsma (Fire Training).....	\$33.87
Michael Joyce (Fire Training).....	\$33.87
F.I.C.A.....	\$29.02

Animal Control.....	\$410.40
Daniel Conkey.....	\$244.73
Mileage.....	\$31.00
F.I.C.A.....	\$59.67
Upper Valley Humane Society.....	\$75.00

LEGAL EXPENSES.....	\$2,091.54
Mitchell & Bates, PA.....	\$2,091.54
HIGHWAYS, STREETS & BRIDGES.....	\$89,916.63
Payroll/F.I.C.A.....	\$39,207.39
Town Maintenance.....	\$50,709.24
Includes: Highway Block Grant	\$27,047.44
Dorations & Reimbursements.....	\$2,198.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL.....	\$17,254.35
Town of Rumney, Transfer Station.....	\$16,438.48
Dues to PBSWD & NHRRA.....	\$695.87
Plymouth Village Water & Sewage District.....	\$100.00
Central Metal Recycling.....	\$20.00
DORCHESTER CEMETERY COMMITTEE.....	\$1,400.00
HEALTH.....	\$5,020.00
Canaan F.A.S.T. Squad.....	\$2,500.00
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council.....	\$550.00
Plymouth Regional Clinic.....	\$300.00
Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vt & NH.....	\$1,350.00
Task Force Against Domestic Violence.....	\$320.00
WELFARE.....	\$2,337.58
General Assistance.....	\$999.88
Alice Melanson, Welfare Director.....	\$554.10
Tri-County Assistance (CAP).....	\$350.00
PB Youth & Family Services.....	\$250.00
F.I.C.A.....	\$183.60
F.E.M.A.	\$29,249.43
Bayview Construction.....	\$18,750.00
E.W. Sleeper.....	\$900.00
N.H. Bituminous Co. Inc.....	\$7,771.05
Pike Industries Inc.....	\$1,153.12
Red Hed Supply.....	\$210.76
Richard Remacle Construction.....	\$254.00
Warren Sand & Gravel.....	\$69.00
Robert Withington.....	\$20.00
Yeaton Agway.....	\$45.00
F.I.C.A.....	\$76.50
REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS.....	\$946.00
N.H. Assessing Officials' Dues.....	\$20.00
N.H. City & Town Clerks' Dues.....	\$20.00
N.H. Health Officers' Dues.....	\$10.00
N.H. Municipal Assoc. Dues.....	\$500.00
N.H. Tax Collectors' Dues.....	\$20.00
Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Reg. Planning.....	\$376.00

INSURANCE.....	\$7,357.58
Liberty Mutual Insurance (Workman's Comp.)..	\$4,973.00
N.H.M.A. Prop./Liab. Insurance.....	\$2,235.00
N.H. Compensation Funds.....	\$149.58
TAXES BOUGHT BY TOWN.....	\$12,011.35
TAX REFUNDS.....	\$1,922.49
GRAFTON COUNTY TAX.....	\$31,174.00
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.....	\$203.00
Treasurer, State of N.H.....	\$203.00
TO CAPITAL RESERVES.....	\$18,000.00
Town Building Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	\$10,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	\$3,000.00
MASCOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT.....	\$235,037.00
DEBT SERVICE.....	\$112,051.22
Tax Anticipation Loan.....	\$108,552.92
T.A. Loan Interest.....	\$3,498.30
E911 & Emergency Management	\$807.07
Prison Industries-State of NH (signs).....	\$336.53
Canaan Hardware.....	\$8.79
David A. Morrill, Director.....	\$461.75
TAX LIENS EXPENSES.....	\$71.55
Tax Collector (expenses).....	\$71.55
TAX PREPARATION.....	\$68.98
David Morrill.....	\$23.09
F.I.C.A.....	\$45.89
INSURANCE CONTINGENCY FUND.....	\$1,120.52
ARTICLE #6 - NORTH DORCHESTER ROAD.....	\$9,955.00
ARTICLE #9 - STEAM CLEANER.....	\$4,889.99
OFFICE RENOVATION.....	\$4,762.09
PROVINCE ROAD REPAIR.....	\$280.00
PAYMENTS FOR ALL PURPOSES.....	\$645,508.61

Receipts January 1, 2000 thru December 31, 2000.....	\$622,682.66
Cash On Hand, January 1, 2000.....	\$64,793.45
Cash Available.....	\$687,476.11
Disbursements, January 1, 2000 thru December 31, 2000.....	\$645,508.61
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2000.....	\$41,967.50
General Fund.....	\$41,967.50
F.E.M.A.....	\$25,123.20
Office Renovation Fund.....	\$237.91
Cash on Hand, December 31, 2000.....	\$41,967.50



2000 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION

PAYROLL.....\$39,207.39

George C. Conkey, II Road Agent.....	\$20,316.92
John Reitsma, Highway Maintainer.....	\$10,229.60
David Borry.....	\$273.35
Daniel Conkey.....	\$1,374.17
Nadine I Conkey.....	\$29.55
John A. Cote.....	\$485.55
John Phinney.....	\$472.84
Ronald Stokowski.....	\$62.80
F.I.C.A.....	\$5,962.61

SUB-CONTRACTORS.....\$5,720.00

Bayview Construction Corp.....	\$3,400.00
Robert B. Carpenter.....	\$130.00
Michael A. Joyce.....	\$1,000.00
Legg's Logs.....	\$1,190.00

FUEL.....\$5,224.79

Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$70.80
Becket Automotive.....	\$26.12
Bradford Pratt's Co.....	\$1,603.04
George C. Conkey, II.....	\$7.70
John A. Reitsma.....	\$20.00
Shortt's Garage.....	\$95.31
Yeaton Agway.....	\$29.99
Yeaton Oil Co. Inc.....	\$3,371.83

INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES.....\$2,974.16

A.M. Rand Co.....	\$13.99
Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$ 896.94
Big A Auto Parts.....	\$66.30
Dyer's Welding.....	\$215.00
Howard P. Fairfield, Inc.....	\$170.00
Kibby Equipment.....	\$147.65
Liberty International Trucks.....	\$184.32
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....	\$855.90
Sanel Auto Parts Co.....	\$70.94
Shortt's Garage.....	\$16.75
Wilson Tire Inc.....	\$297.19
Wise Guy's Automotive.....	\$39.18

GMC 1/2 TON TRUCK EXPENSES.....\$12,474.63

Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$599.70
Big A Auto Parts.....	\$80.36
Canaan Hardware.....	\$40.84
Dyer's Welding.....	\$333.00
GMAC Lease/Purchase.....	\$9,659.52
Hawkensen Equipment Co.....	\$58.50
Kelly MacKenzie Auto Parts.....	\$18.30
Kibby Equipment.....	\$150.70
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....	\$26.20
P.T.R. Lettering.....	\$34.40
Rheinhardt Motors.....	\$513.95
Sanel Auto Parts.....	\$234.79
Shaker Valley Auto Parts.....	\$12.09
Shortt's Garage.....	\$669.71
Wise Guy's Automotive.....	\$42.57

GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES.....\$7,060.86

A.M. Rand Company.....	\$403.65
Ashland Lumber Co.....	\$115.50
AT & T.....	\$173.50
Baileyhill Motorsports.....	\$40.00
Bell Atlantic.....	\$172.69
Big A Auto Parts.....	\$341.88
Canaan Hardware.....	\$554.98
Conkey, Daniel (mileage).....	\$58.28
The Country Chronicle Inc.....	\$60.00
Dyer's Welding.....	\$134.00
Gilman Outdoor Equipment.....	\$242.18
Kibby Equipment Inc.....	\$276.47
Merriam-Graves Corp.....	\$276.19
NAPA Auto Parts.....	\$4.08
N. H. Electric Cooperative.....	\$992.05
N.H. Motor Vehicle (registration).....	\$5.00
N.H. State of, Treasurer (signs).....	\$81.00
Pennysaver Inc.....	\$57.50
Persons Concrete, LLC.....	\$150.00
Red Hed Supply.....	\$946.42
Ryezak Oil Co.....	\$13.49
Salmon Press.....	\$126.00
Sanel Auto Parts.....	\$193.18
Shaker Valley Auto Parts.....	\$64.42
Small Engine Technology.....	\$40.00
UniFirst.....	\$402.16
Verizon.....	\$270.58
Workshops/Seminars.....	\$240.00
Yeaton Agway Services.....	\$625.66

MAINTENANCE MATERIALS.....	\$11,448.16
Cargill Salt.....	\$1,714.49
Legg's Logs.....	\$235.20
Pike Industries Inc.....	\$107.74
Red Hed Supply.....	\$666.23
R. Remacle Construction.....	\$8,665.00
Warren Sand & Gravel Inc.....	\$59.50

LOADER BACKHOE.....	\$4,149.59
Dyer's Welding.....	\$561.00
NAPA Auto Parts.....	\$136.54
Sanel Auto Parts Co.....	\$27.38
Town Line Equipment.....	\$3,225.72
Wilson Tire Inc.....	\$198.95

OTHER EQUIPMENT EXPENSES.....	\$1,657.05
Carl Matthews Equipment Co.....	\$665.00
N.H. Municipal Truck Equipment.....	\$139.45
Small Engine Technology.....	\$728.60
Taylor Rental Center.....	\$124.00

2000 ROAD MONEY DISTRIBUTION SUMMARY

PAYROLL.....	\$39,207.39
SUB-CONTRACTORS.....	\$5,720.00
FUEL.....	\$5,224.79
INTERNATIONAL TRUCK EXPENSES	\$2,974.16
GMC 1/2 TON TRUCK EXPENSES.....	\$12,474.63
LOADER BACKHOE.....	\$4,149.59
OTHER EQUIPMENT	\$1,657.05
MAINTENANCE MATERIALS.....	\$11,448.16
GENERAL HIGHWAY EXPENSES.....	\$7,060.86
TOTAL.....	\$89,916.63

2000 REPORT OF TRUST FUNDS

CEMETERY TRUSTS

Lucy Hazen & Sanborn Kimball Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$263.96
Interest 2000.....	\$9.42
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$273.38

Scott Burleigh Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$806.65
Interest 2000.....	\$28.77
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$835.43

Paul Hutchinson Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$1,343.61
Interest 2000.....	\$47.92
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$1,391.53

J. C. Davenport Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$192.79
Interest 2000.....	\$6.88
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$199.67

Joseph & Katherine Grochocki Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$338.16
Interest 2000.....	\$12.06
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$350.21

Town Cemetery Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$2,124.39
Interest 2000.....	\$75.77
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$2,200.17

CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS

Town Building Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$33,065.63
New Funds 2000.....	\$2,500.00
Expended 2000.....	\$0.00
Interest 2000.....	\$1,963.39
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$37,529.02

Highway Equipment & Maintenance Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$11,243.68
New Funds 2000.....	\$10,000.00
Expended 2000.....	\$0.00
Interest 2000.....	\$937.65
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$22,181.33

Bridges Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$19,113.80
New Funds 2000.....	\$2,500.00
Expended 2000.....	\$0.00
Interest 2000.....	\$1,120.55
Balance, 12/31/00.....	\$22,734.35

Property Revaluation Fund

Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$17,453.21
New Funds 2000.....	\$3,000.00
Expended 2000.....	\$0.00
Interest 2000.....	\$1,034.50
Balance, 12/31/99.....	\$21,487.71

Respectfully Submitted,
Brenda A. Howe
Brian A. Howe
Darlene Oaks
Trustees of Trust Funds

Dorchester Planning Board

The Dorchester Planning Board, although short handed, has continued to work on clarifying the *Subdivision* and *Land Use Regulations*.

With the help of the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission, an application for Excavation was developed. This application is the first step in the opening of a sand and gravel operation within the town. Such an operation requires the Board of Adjustment to grant a "special exception" before the application can be approved by the Planning Board. The Board also worked on defining "set-backs" and reviewed State R.S.A.'s regulating building on Class VI roads and private roads.

The Planning Board welcomed Jim Scott as a member. Jim also serves as the Town Treasurer.

All five positions on the Planning Board will need to be filled in March 2001. The Planning Board meets the second Wednesday of each month. A calendar of scheduled meetings is posted on each of the Town's two bulletin boards.

A Board of Adjustment will need to be filled by the Selectmen. If you would like to serve on the Board of Adjustment, please notify the Selectmen. The Board of Adjustment meets only on an "as need" basis, so time commitment would be at a minimum.

Planning Board goals for the coming year include the development of a Capital Improvement Plan for the Town and working with the Selectmen to revise and update the present Tax Map.

Respectfully submitted
David A. Morrill, Chairman
Linda M. Landry, Secretary
Walter Morgan
E. James Scott
John A. Cote, Selectmen's Rep.

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORT

At the 2000 Town Meeting, it was widely accepted that the current town office building's structural integrity was questionable, the building would require a pumped septic system in order to support a desired bathroom, and was inadequate for secure record keeping. A committee was formed to investigate possible solutions and to report these findings to the townspeople.

The Building Committee discussed the option of renovating the existing building or constructing a new town office building. We felt renovation would not be economically practical. However, as to not let this building succumb to the elements, we are asking the Dorchester Historic Commission to investigate possible ways to obtain outside funding available for historic preservation of this building.

Accordingly, the committee started to look at possible building sites. We walked one town-owned property and determined that the property was not a suitable building site. Also, the committee looked into the possibility of acquiring additional land along Rt. 118 abutting the land currently occupied by the office building. This particular request was not desirable to the abutting landowner.

The Committee is currently investigating additional sites and will report on any viable options that may be available to the town.

Building Committee Members,
Walter Morgan
Darlene Oaks
John Franz
Robert R. Estabrook
Andrew Houghton

Road Agent's Report

The Dorchester Highway Department has been very active this year. With the help of Selectman Cote, acting as a Road Coordinator; a full time highway assistant, hired in June; additional funding from F.E.M.A., donations; and an increase in the approved 2000 Road Budget, we were able to begin an active and systematic plan for Town road maintenance. Some of the high and low points of this year are:

- * The purchase of a steam cleaner and generator with funds appropriated at last year's Town Meeting, has proved to be a valuable asset not only to the Road Department, but to the Town as a whole. The independent generator will be able to provide power to Town buildings during an emergency.**
- * A prolonged "mud season" compounded by heavy use by logging operations, took their toll on our gravel roads. Province Road and the gravel portion of the North Dorchester Road were heavily damaged to the point that these roads could not be opened until repairs were effected. Through the efforts of the Selectmen, highway consultants and the Dorchester Highway Department, those responsible for the damage were forced to either provide funding for the required repairs or complete the repairs themselves in accordance with Town specifications. As a result the Dorchester Highway Department completed repairs to Province Road and the road opened in a timely fashion. Repairs to the North Dorchester were completed by an independent contractor and was opened by the middle of July.**

- * Highway assistant, John Reitsma, was hired in June. The additional help allowed the Highway Department to begin an aggressive program of brush cutting and grounds keeping activities around Town buildings and the roadsides leading to these buildings.
- * The F.E.M.A Flood Project was completed on Streeter Woods Road with the up-grading of the rip-rap rock wall with larger and better material, the addition of guardrails, and the sealing of the paved surface as well as culvert replacement where needed.
- * The up-grade of 1,520 feet of North Dorchester Road, as mandated at the 2000 Town Meeting, began in earnest in late August, with Bayview Construction coming in with the low bid. The preparatory work was completed and the road opened in time for school buses to run. Paving will take place as early as possible this summer.
- * Aggressive roadside ditching was completed along selected Town roads. As a result of this work, spring run-off should be confined to the ditches, in those areas.
- * A comprehensive program of Road Sealing was begun, with the sealing of those paved roads most in need. We plan on implementing the next stage of sealing this coming summer.
- * Roadside mowing was completed early in the fall, with plans to continue the program yearly.
- * The Highway Department worked with the Selectmen to improved the entrance to the newly built handicapped entrance at the Town Office with the addition of compacted "blue stone". The main entrance to the Town Hall was improved with the addition of a third granite step, hand-rails and a "blue stone" walkway.

- * A gate has been installed at the entrance to the highway yard, which can be locked to protect our increasing inventory of highway equipment. An enclosure has been constructed, outside the gate, which contains sand for use by the residents of Dorchester. We urge you to use as much as you need for your personal needs -- buckets only PLEASE, **no trucks**.
- * The Highway Department has been busy all year replacing and up grading Dorchester's highway signs. YIELD, and STOP signs have been installed at key locations, load limit signs have been posted on all of Dorchester's bridges, along with signs containing the names of Dorchester's roads. These signs are very expensive and many have been damaged or stolen over the course of the year. They have been installed for your safety and we urge you to help us maintain them
- * The Road Agent and Selectman Cote attended numerous seminars and workshops sponsored by the University of New Hampshire, Technology Transfer Center, concerning road maintenance and construction, both earning the title of "*Road Scholar One*" certifying completion of 30 contact hours.

Plans for 2001

- > The development of an inventory of culverts by location, size and condition, to facilitate a comprehensive plan for maintenance and replacement.
- > Implementation of stage 2 of the Road Sealing plan.
- > Long neglected grading, crowning and reshaping of our gravel roads and the shoulder portions of our paved roads.
- > A general review and study of drainage problems around the Town Common

- > General tool and equipment repair and replacement scheduling.
- > The paving of 1,520 feet of North Dorchester Road as mandated by Article # 6 of the 2000 Town Meeting.
- > In response to ever increasing and increasingly severe damage to town roads and ditches, the Selectmen are considering a program of permanent weight restrictions developed for each individual Town road according to its construction and condition. Permission will be required and conditions set before anyone would be allowed to exceed those limits. The Highway Department will be responsible for providing much of the information needed for assigning these weight restrictions.
- > The implementation of a clean-up program of Town tax lien properties, under the direction of the Selectmen.
- > Participation in continuing education programs provided by the Technology Transfer Center through the University of New Hampshire.
- > The purchase and installation of communication equipment in the two trucks.

In closing, the Dorchester Highway Department is here to serve the needs of the people of Dorchester. If you require anything regarding Town Roads, please call the Highway Garage at 786-2385, and leave a message.

**Respectfully submitted,
George C. Conkey, II
Road Agent**

University of New Hampshire Technology Transfer Center

Dear Board of Selectmen:

It is a pleasure to inform you that John A. Cote and George C. Conkey II have achieved the status of Road Scholar One. The Technology Transfer Center has created the Road Scholar Program to recognize various achievement levels. The Technology Transfer Center is sponsored by the Federal Highway Administration and the New Hampshire Department of Transportation. One of the missions of the technology Transfer Center is to provide educational support for the people who build and maintain the nation's infrastructure.

Road Scholar One is the first achievement level in the Road Scholar Program. It is distinguished from the other levels by requiring the completion of 30 contact hours. The typical training session yields five hours of contact; therefore, an individual must typically attend six one-day sessions to reach the level John and George have completed.

On behalf of the Technology Transfer Center, I am pleased to notify you of the extra effort and commitment that John and George have demonstrated in order to achieve this status. They deserve to be congratulated for their persistence and drive to maintain a leading edge in the field of local road maintenance and construction.

**Sincerely,
Kathy L. DesRoches
Assistant Director
University of New Hampshire
Technology Transfer Center**



BRAVO!

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

There are 2,200 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The number of fires reported during the 2000 fire season was below average as referenced in the statistics on the following page. Despite this, our network of fire towers and detection patrols were still quite busy with the fire towers being first to report over 135 fires. These fires were quickly and accurately reported to the local fire department for their prompt and effective suppression efforts. Wild land fires occurring in areas where homes are situated in the woodlands are a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their homes by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers. Please contact the Forest Protection Bureau to request a brochure to assist you in assessing fire safety around your home and woodlands.

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing **ALL** outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. Forest Rangers have investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217, or for general information visit our web site at 222.dred.state.nh.us.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection system and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. These factors are critical in controlling the size of wild land fires, keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible. Due to permitting and fire safety concerns, please contact your

local fire department **BEFORE** using portable outdoor fire places and vessels, including those constructed of clay, concrete or wire mesh.

Please contact your local fire department before doing **ANY** outside burning.

2000 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru November 10, 2000)

FIRES REPORTED BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	118	40
Rockingham	49	24
Merrimack	92	16
Belknap	54	13
Cheshire	41	20
Strafford	58	13
Carrol	46	10
Grafton	16	7
Sullivan	12	2
Coos	30	4

CAUSES OF FIRES

Debris Burning	263
Miscellaneous*	151
Smoking	30
Children	17
Campfire	16
Arson/Suspicious	14
Equipment Use	9
Lightning	9
Railroad	7

*Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV unknown)

	<u>TOTAL FIRES</u>	<u>TOTAL ACRES</u>
2000	516	149
1999	1301	452
1998	798	443

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!

Stephen M. Kessler, Forest Ranger

Jay Legg, Forest Fire Warden

SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

Grafton County

P.O. Box 433

Lebanon, NH 03766-0433

1999 ANNUAL REPORT

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln and also sponsors the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program of the Upper Valley and White Mountains (RSVP). Through the centers and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2000, **16** older residents of Dorchester were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Plymouth Regional Senior Center or the Mascoma Area Senior Center:

- * Older adults from Dorchester enjoyed **685** balanced meals in the company of friends in the center's dining room.
- * Dorchester residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on **626** occasions by our lift-equipped buses.
- * They received assistance with problems, crises or issues of long-term care through **17** visits by a trained social worker.
- * Dorchester's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through **594** hours of volunteer service

The cost to provide Council services for Dorchester residents in 2000 was **\$9,594.00**.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. In addition, community-based services offered by the Council save tax dollars over nursing home care or other long-term care options. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council very much appreciates Dorchester's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Carol W. Dustin, Executive Director

***Mascoma Area Senior Center
P.O. Box 210
Canaan, NH 03741
523-4333***

***Plymouth Regional Senior Center
P.O. Box 478
Plymouth, NH 03264
536-1204***

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAM

**Serving Coos, Carroll & Grafton Counties
30 Exchange Street, Berlin, N.H. 03570
1-800-552-4617**

Tri-County Community Action Program is a private, not-for-profit agency.

The following is a report of services provided in fiscal year 1999-2000:

24 Dorchester families were served, and direct assistance was provided to **53** individuals. Community Contact provided **23** direct energy services to Dorchester's citizens, and certified all **23** fuel assistance households comprising **53** individuals, **7** clients being elderly and **11** who are disabled. The total Fuel Assistance Benefits for Dorchester CAP clients this year totaled **\$15,430**. The Weatherization benefit to 1 home was **\$2,411**. Emergency food and other pantry referrals have been provided for **211** of your residents. There were **7** health referrals, **3** on housing issues, **4** on income and budget counseling, **1** free cancer screening. **2** medical alert units installed and **2** other referrals made to Dorchester residents.

**TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION HAS SPENT
\$17,841 ON DORCHESTER CITIZENS BETWEEN JULY
1, 1999 AND JULY 30, 2000**

TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

**P.O. Box 53
258 Highland Street
Plymouth, N.H. 03264
Crises Line (603) 532-1659
Office: (603) 536-3423**

On behalf of the Task Force Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, I would like to thank you for your past support. During fiscal year 2000, your contribution helped the 359 clients that the Task Force served. This includes 35 women and children who were sheltered by the Task Force a total of 1,361 bednights. This past year, the Child Advocacy Program also provided services to 47 child victims of domestic and/or sexual violence and made presentations to 224 children of school age and 25 school staff members. The following Task Force services continue to be provided free of charge.

- *24-hour crisis line staffed by trained volunteers.
- * Confidential emergency shelter, food, and transportation for victims of domestic violence.
- * Support groups for domestic violence survivors.
- * Hospital and police accompaniment. Court, housing, and social service advocacy.
- * Monitoring children's play groups to learn creative conflict resolution skills and increase self-esteem.
- * Training programs for volunteer, law enforcement and other professionals working with victims of domestic violence.
- * Community education programs for schools, civic organizations, church groups, and social service agencies.
- * Walk-in office available at Whole Village Family Resource Center where victims can receive information and support.

Serving the Towns of: Alexandria, Ashland, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Dorchester, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Lincoln, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Warren, Waterville Valley, Wentworth, Woodstock



Whole Village Family Resource Center

**258 Highland Street
Plymouth, N.H. 03264**

**WHOLE VILLAGE
FAMILY RESOURCE
C · E · N · T · E · R**

The Whole Village Family Resource Center is comprised of 17 health, education, and social service agencies committed to collaborating together to provide families and individuals from the 17 towns of the Plymouth District Court Area, as well as New Hampton and Sandwich, with better, more comprehensive services. Despite this common goal, it must be recognized that these are all *autonomous* organizations, each with its own governing body, budget and funding initiatives. All the agencies have unique and invaluable strengths on their own, but by combining efforts with other Whole Village agencies many new possibilities for innovative and integrated service provision have been, and continue to be, created.

The Whole Village Parent-Child Program is a prevention-based program, which provides support to families and educates parents to meet the challenges of raising safe, healthy children who will thrive. Parent-Child has two tiers of support for families with children ages five and under. The first level, providing more intensive family support, has a special emphasis on equipping very young parents for their responsibilities as parents, providers, and positive role models for their children. The second level of family support is provided in varying degrees for all others raising children ages birth to five. The program enlists the expertise of staff within each of the agencies to benefit all families.

Of the 222 families who accessed Parent-Child services in 1999, **two** were from Dorchester.

Plymouth Regional Clinic
258 Highland Street
Plymouth, NH 03264
(603) 536-4467
at the Whole Village Family Resource Center

The Plymouth Regional clinic a a nonprofit clinic providing general medical care to area residents who have limited incomes and no health insurance. Our volunteer physicians, nurse practitioners, and nurses have provided medical care for nearly 1,9000 patient visits, one evening a week, since July 1994

We have seen patients of all ages and for varying medical complaints, from minor ailments to life-threatening illness, with many seeking treatment for illnesses or conditions which have gone unattended because the patient could not afford medical care. We have also assisted many patients in identifying and accessing other available medical and social services which might help them.

This year, the Clinic has added a new service for our patients. We now offer limited assistance with the cost of prescription medications to our patients who are unable to pay for a prescription written for them at the Clinic. Because of the high cost of prescription medications and our budgetary constraints, this service is currently limited to patients whose prescription has been written at Plymouth Regional Clinic and to short-term, immediate needs.

Plymouth Regional Clinic does not charge for its services and we have managed to keep operating expenses low through the generous donation of in-kind services and space by Family Planning, Plymouth State College, Speare Memorial Hospital and area businesses; as well as the volunteer services provided by area physicians, nurse practitioners, nurses, and other volunteers. Nevertheless, the addition of a part-time Administrator last year, and our new Prescription Drug Assistance Program has greatly increased our expenses. Other ongoing operating expenses include expenses such as insurance, telephone service, medical and office supplies, and government fees, among others. The Board of Directors is in the process of formulating a fund raising plan to address the Clinic's urgent need for additional funds in order to be able to continue providing its services. The Clinic does, however, continue to rely in part on the generosity of the area's towns.

PEMI-BAKER YOUTH AND FAMILY SERVICES COUNCIL, INC. 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The Council is an organization dedicated to promoting community-wide approaches that support the development of healthy youths and their families. The major programs we operate are:

1. The Plymouth District court Juvenile Diversion

Program ~ a program for first-time juvenile offenders which holds them accountable to themselves and their communities without incurring the expenses of going to court. The program is almost entirely comprised of concerned volunteers. We combine community service with different forms of education to help get kids back on track. Referrals come either directly from your police department or through the court.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ~ Please Read:

DIVERSION WORKS!!!! Of all the youths who graduated from the Juvenile Diversion Program in 1997 and 1998 only 8.5% of the youths have offended again. This can be compared to the alarming 60% recidivism rate of similar youths who went to court.

IT'S LESS EXPENSIVE!!!! The total cost of court-ordered services for youths in Grafton County for this period was over \$3 millions. This averages into over **\$7,600.00 for each youth served.** This figure does not include the cost of paying judges and other court personnel, your police officers, school representatives, DCYF, etc. for their time. It also does not include the cost of lost wages and other incalculable losses.

2. Community Service Coordinator ~ In order to help support the work your police and schools do with youths, we are available to link youths with positive, productive service projects that will benefit your community. Our goal is to enhance youths' investment in their community, as well as a sense of accomplishment and pride that comes by helping others.

3. Information and Referral ~ provides residents of our County with a directory of human services agencies and the programs they offer. 3,000 Grafton County Resource Guides were published and distributed by this office to schools, police, human service agencies and the general public. The 2000 Resource Guides contain more than twice the number of agencies than did the 1999 Guides.

Our other main ***Information & Referral Service*** is the **Pemi-Baker Resource Line**. This is a collaborative project between our agency, Speare Memorial Hospital and the Whole Village Family Resource Center. Anyone may call with a variety of needs and be connected to people and programs that can help. Nearly 550 people from around the county utilized this service in 2000.

4. **The OPTIONS Program** ~ An early intervention program designed to offer participants honest information and to promote safe and open discussions about the use of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs (ATOD's). This course also addresses other high-risk behaviors and stresses self-assessment of each participant's relationship with ATOD's

In the past four (4) years, NOT ONE of the youths we've worked with, in the **OPTIONS Program** has returned to court for a subsequent offense.

OPTIONS is currently available to your town through your police department and the court, and families may refer their sons and daughters themselves. We have been a very active program for students who violate the alcohol and other drug policies at Plymouth regional High School as well as Newfound Regional High School. Further we are working to provide this service at Lin-Wood, as well.

**REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF DISTRICT ONE
BY
RAYMOND S. BURTON, COUNCILOR
DISTRICT ONE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
ROOM 207
STATE HOUSE
CONCORD, NH 03301
Tel. 603-271-3632
Rburton4@gte.net**

It is once again a privilege to report to the people of this large Northern Council District 98 towns and four cities spread throughout Coos, Grafton, Carroll, Belknap, and Sullivan Counties.

The constitutional and statutory responsibilities of the Executive Council are within the Executive Branch of your New Hampshire State government. Our role is much like a board of directors of a large company. We are charged with carrying out the laws and budget passed by the New Hampshire House and Senate. The Governor and Council employ 294 Commissioners and Directors to administer over 100 departments and agencies to carry out the details of the laws and budget of your State government. The Council has an overall supervisory role in assisting citizens, business, agencies, towns, cities, and counties in effectively working with State government.

Preparing for the coming two-year term that I have been elected to as one of your public servants, I share with you the following ideas and requests:

- > If anyone is interested in making a volunteer contribution of their time and talent on a Board or Commission through the appointment process of the Governor and Council, please contact my office or Kathy Goode, Council Liaison, Governor's Office, State House, Concord, NH 03301, Tel. 271-2121, and ask for the appointment list for 2001. As your Councilor, I am always looking for people to serve on a multitude of Boards and Commissions in your State government.
- > The Governor's Advisory Commission on Intermodal Transportation (five Executive Councilors and the Commissioner of Transportation) will be holding hearings around the State on citizen and regional planning commission recommendations for improving our highway system throughout New Hampshire. If you have suggestions on a

needed improvement, please send them to your regional planning commission or to my office soon so they may be given consideration.

- > The Regional Health Planning District Councils continue to meet and consider major changes in the health maintenance system for citizens both at the local and state levels. Anyone wishing to serve on your region's District Health Council should contact my office or Lori Real, Director of Planning Research at NH Health and Human Services Department, Tel. 271-4235.
- > As one of your elected officials, I would urge your town and region to be in constant contact with our New Hampshire Congressional Delegation to let them know of your ideas, concerns and desires. I am interested in promoting projects to send to Senators Smith and Gregg and Congressmen Sununu and Bass. They are effective in their committee assignments and should always have a list from back home in New Hampshire to advance in our nation's Capitol.
- > I recommend use of the NH Webster System. It is the official state locator for your New Hampshire State Government at <http://www.state.state.nh.us>. A complete directory of phone numbers and addresses of all state agencies is listed for your convenience. Utilize your local Town/City Library to access the Webster System which is administered and maintained by the New Hampshire State Library.
- > My office has available a handy 800 toll-free phone card of organizations for rural areas.
- > Always know my office is at your service. Contact me anytime!

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UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

The upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (UVLSRPC) is a nonprofit voluntary association of 27 communities in New Hampshire and 3 in Vermont, and has been serving the region since 1963. The principal focus of the Commission's efforts is with the development of comprehensive plans for beneficial and balanced economic development, environmental protection, and social growth in the region. We function as a research, resource, and informational agency and, when appropriate, we work to obtain Federal, State, and other approvals, grants-in-aid, loans and similar assistance for individual member towns and for the region. The Commission provides technical assistance to member communities in the areas of planning (land use, transportation, water quality, etc.), mapping, community development, grantsmanship and grant administration. In addition, regional studies and projects are undertaken to the benefit of more than one community. Examples of these include the Regional Transportation Plan, the household hazardous waste collections, and ongoing water resource protection planning activities in the Mascoma River, Sugar River, Lake Sunapee, and Cold River watersheds. All NH communities were offered guidance with a program for lowering flood insurance premiums for property owners, and assistance compiling information on proposed conservation projects in preparation for application to the new Land and Community Heritage Investment Program.

In the past year, services such as our Planning Board training series and library, which features maps, planning resources and US Census data, were utilized by a large number of the region's residents, local officials, board members, citizen groups, prospective businesses, and other nonprofit organizations. As a foundation for the region's community and economic development activities, we began work this year on building a computerized database containing locations and other key information on major employers, child care providers, and assisted housing, as well as general demographic information for each community.

In 2000, some examples of our work for the benefit of residents of the Town of Dorchester included:

- * Provided information on regulation of excavations. Attended Planning Board meeting to discuss procedures for an applicant to open a new gravel pit including application to ZBA for Special Exception and application to Planning Board for excavation permit. Discussed possibility of joint hearing. Followed up with assistance with developing application form.**
- * Provided information on ZBA membership, terms, elections, and filling vacancies to assist with reconstructing board.**
- * Provided guidance on how to measure 50' road setback in grandfathered subdivision with no indication of private road on plat.**
- * Provided data on incomes and age distribution for Mascoma Valley Regional School District communities to school superintendent's office and provided guidance on methodology for projecting student population.**
- * Conducted study of Mascoma watershed including survey of local officials to obtain input on water quality issues and preferences for various approaches to managing the region's water resources, and provided set of maps for each community showing location of important resources of the Mascoma watershed and areas where soils, wetlands and topography pose special challenges for development.**
- * Developed map of Mascoma Watershed to assist with flyer for Mascoma Watershed Conservation Council.**
- * Participated in regional conservation meeting to discuss protection of important natural resources in the Mascoma watershed and the needs of area conservation commissions.**

VISITING NURSE ALLIANCE OF VERMONT AND NEW HAMPSHIRE, INC. MASCOMA HOME HEALTH SERVICES BRANCH REPORT TO THE TOWN OF DORCHESTER

Continual changes in our nation's health-care systems mean that government has placed increased responsibility for patient care with community-based agencies. We are appreciative of the continued support that the Town of Dorchester provides to help us meet the home care, hospice, and family support service needs of people in your community. We offer services that help your family, friends, and neighbors remain at home during times of illness or injury; we promote community wellness; and we provide important services to families-at-risk:

- *Town funds help provide care for people who require necessary services but are unable to pay or who do not have adequate health insurance.
- *Our comprehensive range of services is available to everyone in the community--people of all ages and all economic means use our services.
- *Hospital discharge planners and attending physicians work closely with us to decide on an appropriate course of treatment for each home health or hospice patient.
- *Our clinical staff provide skilled services for people recovering from surgery or accidents; who have an acute illness or a disability; who require long-term care; or who need support and symptom control during a terminal illness.

The Visiting Nurse Alliance of Vermont and New Hampshire, Inc. provided the following services in the **Town of Dorchester** during the past year:

<i>Visits</i>	
Skilled Nursing.....	167
Physical Therapy.....	14
Speech Therapy.....	54
Home Health Aide.....	278
Homemaker.....	24
Hospice.....	<u>58</u>
TOTAL VISITS.....	595
<i>Family Support Services</i>	
Families.....	3
Individuals.....	6
<i>Maternal and Child Health</i>	
Children.....	3
<i>WIC Program</i>	
Clients.....	5
Clinic Visits.....	14
Hospice VNH Volunteers	
Families Served.....	3
Hours.....	81.5

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION GRAFTON COUNTY 2000 ANNUAL REPORT

UNH Cooperative Extension is a unique partnership among the Federal, State and County Governments who provide the funding and support for this educational outreach component of the University of New Hampshire. With an Extension Office in each New Hampshire county and campus-based subject matter specialists we serve the entire state.

Our education programs are designed to respond to the local needs of county residents through the direction and support of a volunteer advisory council. Our current programs focus on:

- > Dairy and Pasture Management
- > Agriculture Profitability and Nutrient Management
- > Forest & Wildlife Habitat Management and Stewardship
- > Nutrition, Food Safety, Parenting and Family Financial Management
- > 4H Club and Volunteer Management that promotes Positive Youth Development
- > Water Quality Education for communities, landowners and citizens
- > Family Life skills Program (LEAP)
- > After-School Programs

The Extension Staff works out of our North Haverhill office in the Grafton County Courthouse. We travel all over the county. Other grant-funded staff members provide programs through satellite offices in Plymouth, Littleton and Lebanon. Information and education are presented through phone calls, farm/office/home/agency visits, the media, workshops and educational series. Volunteers help expand our efforts through the Master Gardeners Program, 4H Clubs, Parenting Education Volunteers and the Coverts Project. Our work is supported by an office staff of three. Early in 2000 UNH Cooperative Extension opened a toll-free Info Line staffed by trained volunteers to answer

many consumer questions. Citizens can access this line Mondays through Fridays from 9 AM to 2 PM at **1-877-398-4769**

Here are some ways that local residents benefited from the work of Cooperative Extension:

- * Residents in your town receive our bimonthly newsletter providing the latest research findings.
- * Hundreds of families with young children receive monthly newsletters helping parents understand the crucial first years of life.
- * Families with limited resources have access to nutrition and financial education to help them stretch their food dollars, thereby providing a more balanced diet for their young children.
- * Other families participated in the many educational workshops that help them to purchase and prepare nutritious foods, stretch their monthly budget and cope with raising children in an ever-changing world.
- * Local farmers participated in agricultural practices that reduced the runoff from fields thereby continuing to keep our waterways clean.
- * Research on soils and nitrates has reduced the level of commercial fertilizers being applied to farm lands thereby reducing costs for crop production.
- * An educational kit "Preserving Rural Character Through Agriculture" developed by the NH Coalition for Sustaining Agriculture was distributed throughout the state and county.
- * Students at a regional high school participated in a comprehensive survey. The results were shared with the community, service agencies and their parents.
- * Another town participated in a two-day Community Profile process to help local citizens look at the issues affecting them and make plans for the future.
- * Food service workers throughout the county participated in food safety programs to make sure that the food they serve is safe for everyone to eat.

- * Hundreds of children and volunteers participate in 4H activities each year that include; dairy, horse, working steer, arts and crafts, science and technology, food preparation, nutrition , public speaking, shooting sports and clothing construction projects.
- * The Fourteenth Annual Conservation Field Day provided more than three hundred fifth grade students with a chance to tour the county farm and learn about conservation issues.
- * Landowners who were impacted by the Ice Storm of 1998 were able to benefit from programs designed to reduce the financial and environmental impacts of that event.
- * Agricultural businesses received help with business plans, marketing, computer usage and crop diversification.
- * Educational workshops on land use, current use, wildlife management and tree farm production helped many landowners care for their land and their environment.
- * A water testing lab was established at a local high school to work with communities and individuals to test surface waters.
- * Individuals moving from welfare to work participating in an intensive three-week program that prepared them for employment and the challenges of working families.
- * Cooperative Extension staff members served as resources to residents and agencies throughout the county.
- * By collaborating with many county, state and federal agencies we were able to multiply our efforts.

Here in Grafton County the office is located on Route 10 in North Haverhill in the Grafton County Courthouse. We are open from 8 AM until 4 PM Monday through Friday.

You can reach us: by phone - (603) 787-6944; fax - (603) 787-2009; email grafton@ceunhce.unh.edu.

at our office in North Haverhill; or through our UNHCE Web site <http://ceinfo.unh.edu>.

2000 REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMITTEE

We did not get the fence we planned on getting this year. It will have to be gotten in the spring.

Mayhew Funeral Home gave George Conkey a check for \$150.00 for digging a grave and George Conkey turned it over to the Selectmen, the Selectmen turned it over to the Cemetery Trustees. This check was for digging a grave for Mary Morrissey. Then checks had to be made out to George Conkey and John Reitsma. A check also had to be made out to John Morrissey for the remainder of the \$150.00

Receipts:

Town Appropriation.....	\$1,400.00
Bank Interest	\$12.55
Mayhew (Check from G. Conkey).....	\$150.00
Balance on Hand	\$160.90
TOTAL.....	\$1,723.45

Payments:

<i>Dorchester Cemetery</i>	\$445.75
<i>Town House Cemetery</i>	\$110.50
<i>Cheever Cemetery</i>	\$213.00
<i>North Dorchester Cemetery</i>	\$301.00
American Legion Post 76 (flags).....	\$30.00
Bank Service Charges.....	\$60.00
SS & Medicare Taxes.....	\$81.88
John Morrissey (rebate).....	\$70.00
George C. Conkey (digging grave).....	\$40.00
John Reitsma (digging grave).....	\$40.00
TOTAL.....	\$1,392.13

Balance on Hand for 2001.....\$331.32

Respectfully submitted,
Cemetery Trustees

VITAL STATISTICS DORCHESTER, N.H.

BIRTHS

<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Lebanon, N.H.	05-13-00	Bria Louise Dow	Rebecca Dow Matthew Dow

MARRIAGES

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom/Bride</u>	<u>Residence</u>
01-19-00	Lam K. Do Susanne M. Scotti	Dorchester Manchester, N.H
02-29-00	Armand W. Toutaint Ann S. Havenhill	Belmont, NH Dorchester, NH
03-17-00	Edward D. Mahoney Valira D. Noel	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH
07-01-00	Brian C. Thibodeau Wendy J. Dubreuil	Dorchester, NH Dorchester, NH

DEATHS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Mary M. Morrissey	07-01-00	Dorchester, N.H	James Lawnsby Mary McDougall
Helen D. Wright	08-12-00	Dorchester, NH	James Gilchrist Helen Burnhardt

Summary of the Dorchester 2000 Town Meeting

The election of Town officials were held on Tuesday, March 7, 2000. The remaining business was conducted on Saturday, March 11, 2000. Polls opened at 11:00 a.m. and closed at 7:05 p.m.

Number of voters on the checklist: 231

Number of voters who voted: 90

Article 1. To choose by nonpartisan ballot all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year.

Results of election as follows:

Selectman for two (2) years - Andrew Houghton - 79 votes
Selectman for three (3) years - John A. Cote - 47 votes
Treasurer for one (1) year - Edwin (Jim) Scott - 81 votes
Tax Collector for one (1) year - Delbert Pratt - 86 votes
Town Clerk for one (1) year - Debra Ray - 76 votes
Road Agent for one (1) year - George C. Conkey, II - 74 votes
Trustee of Trust Fund for 3 years - Brenda A. Howe - 86 votes
Trustee of Trust Fund for 2 years - Darlene Oaks - 83 votes
Auditors for 1 year - Martha L. Walker - 76 votes
Cindy Azotea - 62 votes
Supervisor of Checklist for 6 years - Darlene Oaks
Cemetery Trustee for 3 years - Louis A. Delsart - 86 votes
Cemetery Trustee for 2 years - Robert Brown - 86 votes
Moderator for two (2) years - Henry Melanson - 83 votes

Article 2. Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 33:7 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to issue tax anticipation notes.

Article 2 PASSED as read

Article 3. Shall the Town accept the provisions of RSA 80:80 providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the selectmen to dispose of tax deeded property by public auction, sealed bid, or as justice may require in accordance with RSA 80:80 VI. A public hearing must be held by the selectmen before proceeding with any sale.

Article 3 PASSED as read

Article 4. To see if the Voters will ratify the acceptance of a deed of land located on Rt. 118, as donated to the town by the Philip B. Melody Trust of 1990, on such terms and conditions as is contained with in the deed.

Article 4 PASSED as read

Article 5. Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000) to be added to the capital reserve funds of the Town as follows:

Town Building Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Highway Equipment Fund.....	\$10,000.00
Bridges Fund.....	\$2,500.00
Revaluation of Property Fund.....	\$3,000.00

(Recommended by Selectmen)

Article 5 PASSED as read

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) to pave with asphalt paving a portion for North Dorchester Road, commencing at Walker's Hill and extending to School House Flat, a distance of 1,520 feet and requiring 4 culverts.

Article 6 PASSED as read

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to hire one (1) full time employee for the Road Department for a trial period of two (2) years. The entire salary amount, \$18,000/yr. based on a 40-hour week, will come from the Road Budget.

Rejected as read

"To see if the Town will vote to hire one (1) full time employee for the Road Department for a trial period of two (2) years. The entire salary amount, \$18,000/yr. based on a 40-hour week, will come from the Road Budget. The employee to be chosen from a public search for the most qualified candidate. A further requirement is to be a CDL Class B license"

Article 7 PASSED as amended

Article 8. To see what the Voters in the Town of Dorchester wish to do with regards to future Town Office space. This is a non-binding referendum.

Recommendations: Selectmen appoint a volunteer building study committee, to study costs involved in many options, and to report results at a public meeting. Proceed with building the handicapped ramp at the present office building.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of four thousand nine hundred dollars (\$4,900.00) for the purpose of purchasing a steam cleaner with generator for the Town Highway Department.

Article 9 PASSED as read

Article 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty-four thousand two hundred eighty-one dollars and forty-six (\$164,281.46), to defray Town charges. (This excluded the amount raised in Articles 5, 6, & 9)

Article 10 PASSED as read

Article 11. To act upon any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Award of Appreciation was presented to Walter Morgan for his years of dedicated service as Treasurer.

Award of Appreciation was presented to David Morrill for his years of dedicated service as selectman.

Moment of silence was held in memory of Nella H. Ashley

Edith Gray inquired of the Road Agent about further repairs to the section of Streeter Woods Road in front of her property.

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EMERGENCY NUMBERS

IN ANY EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL

911

Canaan - 448-1212

FIRE: Rumney- 524-1545

Lyme - 643-3610

F.A.S.T. SQUAD: 448-1212

POLICE: State Police - 1-800-562-8236

State Police - (F-Troop) 271-1170

Grafton County Sheriff's Dept.- 1-800-552-0393

Dorchester Highway Department
786-2385



If undeliverable return to:

Town of Dorchester
804 River Road
Dorchester, NH 03266

FIRST CLASS MAIL